under the supervision of the Archaeological Survey of India;

(c) the names of mosques and shrines included in (a) & (b) above which are in use for religious service and or instruction, throughout the year or for particular periods during the year; and

(d) the names of mosques included in (a) & (b) above which were used by the local Muslim community for Taravih prayers during Ramzan, 1990 and Ramzan, 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Integrated Tribal Development Projects

3304. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Integrated Tribal Development Projects/Agencies (ITDPs/ITDAs) have succeeded in improving the quality of life of Tribals;

(b) the number of tribal families who have been able to cross the poverty line through aforesaid projects agencies so far;

(c) the methods through which the improvement in the standard of living is assessed; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent by ITDPs/ITDAs till the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation indicate that the percentage of persons below poverty line for STs has come down from 72.43 in 1977-78 to 58.40 in 1983-84 in rural areas and from 52.55 in 1977-78 to 39.90 in 1983-84 in urban areas.

(c) The improvement in the standard of living is assessed through various evaluation studies conducted by Tribal Research Institutes, Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission and other research organisations. Guidelines have also been issued to the States/UTs to undertake concurrent evaluation of tribal beneficiaries through spot checks to be carried out by the State Government Departments' Officers visiting the field.

(d) The amount of SCA sanctioned/released for ITDPs/ITDAs till the end of Seventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 1,296.73 crores.

[*Translation*]

Facilities to Handicapped Persons

3305. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether facilities like free/concessional travelling and Medical facilities, employment and self employment etc. are provided to the handicapped persons and the persons having spinal injuries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Each category of handicapped persons has been divided into four

groups viz. mild, moderate, severe and profound/total. It has been decided that various concessions/benefits would in future be available only to the moderate, severe and profound/total groups; and not to the mild groups. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% in order to be eligible for any concession/benefits.

SC/ST in States Living Below Poverty Line

3306. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of Scheduled Castes people in the various States;

(b) the number of persons out of them living below the poverty line, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their social and economic conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) A Statement I is enclosed.

(b) Number of SC families economically assisted during the 7th Plan and during 1990-91 State/U.T.-wise is given in the Statement II attached.

(c) In order to improve the socio-economic conditions of the Scheduled Castes speedily, a comprehensive strategy of Special Component Plan (SCP) has been adopted. The Special Component Plans are supplemented by Special Central Assistance (SCA) from the Government of India.

STATEMENT I

Percentage of Scheduled Castes people in the various states

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Percentage of SC Population to the total Population of the State (As per 1981 Census)
1	Andhra Pradesh	14.87
2	Assam	6.24*
3	Bihar	14.51
4	Goa (Daman & Diu)	2.16
5	Gujarat	7.15
6	Haryana	19.07
7	Himachal Pradesh	24.62
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3.31
9	Karnataka	15.07
10	Kerala	10.02
11	Madhya Pradesh	14.10
12	Maharashtra	7.14
13	Manipur	1.25
14	Orissa	14.66
15	Punjab	26.87
16	Rajasthan	17.04
17	Sikkim	5.78
18	Tamil Nadu	18.35
19	Tripura	15.12
20	Uttar Pradesh	21.16
21	West Bengal	21.99
22	Chandigarh Administration	14.09
23	Delhi	18.03
24	Pondicherry	15.99

*As per 1971 census. (No census could be held in 1981 in Assam owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at that time).